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YOUTH HOSTELS ALL THE WORLD OVER

Jack Catchpool's great idea

JACK CATCHPOOL, pioneer of youth hostels in Britain, is back in this country again with a wonderful plan for youth hostels round the world.

For the last three years he has been working in the Quaker Centre of Delhi, and while there he began to work out a scheme for a chain of hostels which would carry the Indian youth pilgrims over the Khyber Pass, through Afghanistan, and so link up with hostels in Iran, Syria, Lebanon, and Turkey. Mr. Catchpool is an enthusiastic believer in what the spirit of youth can do to link the nations together.

Before he left India Jack Catchpool promised the Education Ministry there to return to plan the first link of the hostel chain.

Already some intrepid young walkers have got through from Europe to Delhi. About 100 have

accomplished the trek since January 1955, and Jack Catchpool is planning now for hostels along the route across Iran to India. He says this is ideal walking country with plenty of aids for the walker by the way because the people are used to pilgrims and expect to see them on the roads.

He himself finished his journey home to Britain by air across Afghanistan into Russia. Over the "roof of the world" his plane was an unpressurised Russian aircraft, and each passenger had to use an oxygen mask.

EXCESS LUGGAGE

He landed at Termez in Asiatic Russia, and from there made his way to Moscow to discuss his ideas about youth hostels with Soviet authorities.

The Russians he was able to meet soon became inspired with the idea of youth hostels in their country, and one meeting he addressed was crowded and enthusiastic. After the meeting the audience lined up outside waiting to be kissed—a tradition here with visiting speakers. Then he was loaded with so many gifts—a clock, assorted tablecloths, and a dispatch case—that it cost him an extra £5 for excess luggage on the aircraft.

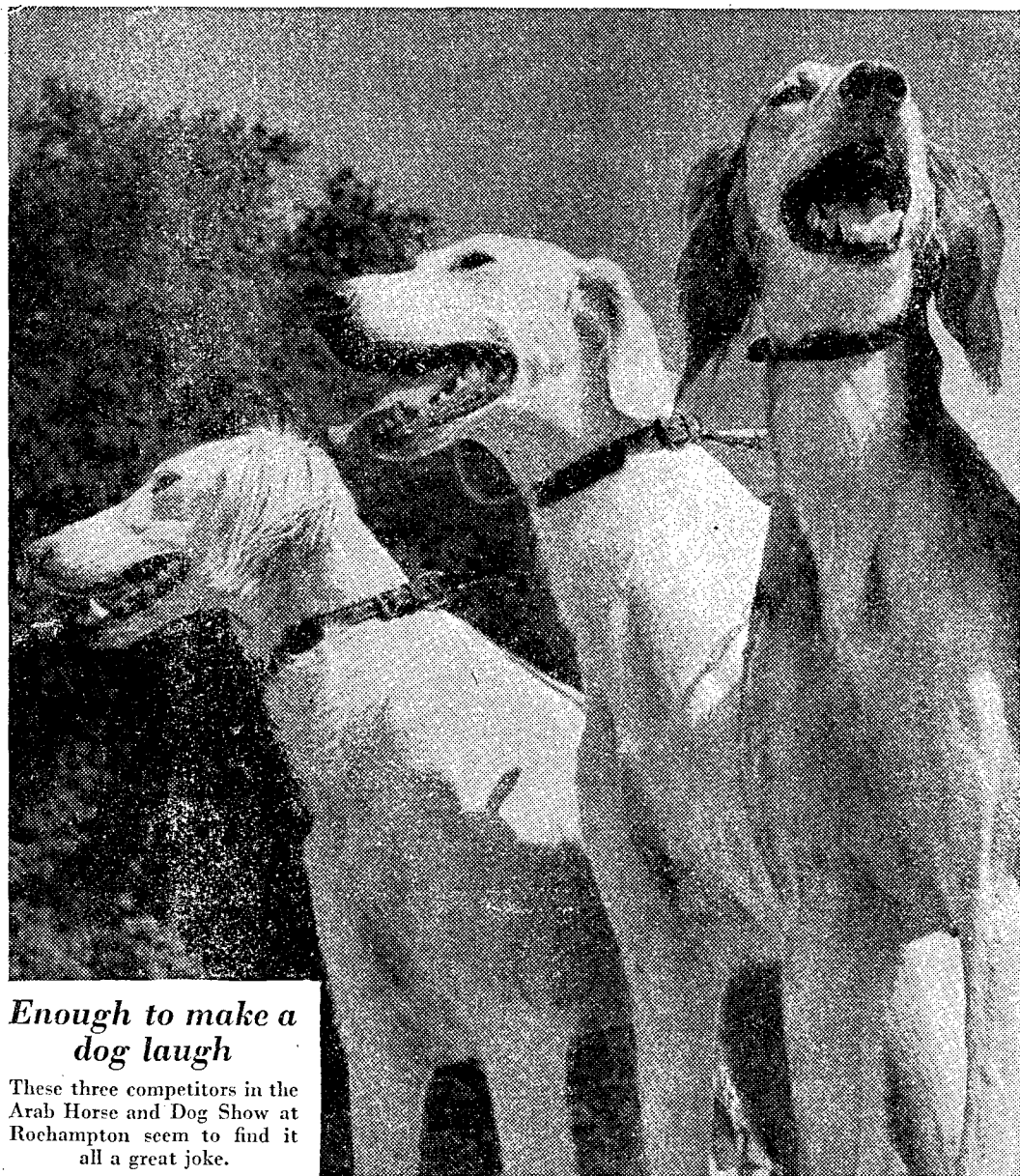
Mr. Catchpool now has invitations from Tasmania, Australia, and South Africa to come and help those countries and their youth organisations to build youth hostels.

WORLD YOUTH SHIP

But not content with hostels Mr. Catchpool is still pegging away with his proposal for a World's Youth Ship.

He wants to see a ship sailing the world with only young people on board. Meals and accommodation would be of the simplest and the vessel would act as a floating hostel, when in port, and carrying goodwill across the oceans.

For this grand dream to come true Mr. Catchpool is on the lookout for a wealthy donor who believes in youth and will buy a ship for them.



Enough to make a dog laugh

These three competitors in the Arab Horse and Dog Show at Rochampton seem to find it all a great joke.

SHY HERO

The other day Boy Scout Stanley Jackson came into his home at Allendale, Northumberland, soaking wet. He did not complain when his mother scolded him, nor did he say why he was so wet.

Some time later, however, his next-door neighbour, five-year-old Sheila Milburn, popped into Stanley's house to say "Thank you." Then it was discovered that young Stanley had jumped into the River Allen to save little Sheila from drowning.

At the Games



Young Audrey Raffan of Braemar gave a fine display of intricate but graceful steps at the Highland Games at Ballater.

FLYING TANKER FOR THE ARCTIC

The largest aircraft in production in the British Commonwealth—the 162-foot span Blackburn Beverley—is soon to be adopted as a flying tanker to supply fuel to settlements in the Canadian Arctic.

At present many mining settlements, forestry camps, and defence stations can be supplied solely by sea, usually for only one month in every year. A long spell of bad weather might mean that they miss their whole year's supply.

The Beverley is said to provide

the ideal solution. Not only will it save building big, expensive storage tanks at the various points, but it can carry in up to 6000 gallons of fuel in a single flight when and where it is required.

The plane is also capable of delivering bulldozers or complete pieces of mining equipment, weighing up to 25 tons.

The Beverley's eight-wheeled "bogie" main undercarriage enables it to operate from rough grass airstrips in underdeveloped areas.

TEA ON THE BUS

A London double-deck bus is now touring Europe to show people on the Continent how to make and serve tea.

This travelling demonstration vehicle, owned by a British tea firm, has already toured France, Belgium, and Norway.

The bottom deck is the kitchen, which may be inspected by visitors; and tea is served on the top deck.

FOUR PEAKS IN ONE DAY

The four highest peaks in England, all in the Lake District, were scaled in a single day recently by Mr. Dennis Hoare of Stafford.

He set out from Buttermere at 2.30 a.m. and climbed Scafell and Scafell Pike. Then he went on to Helvellyn, reaching the summit a few minutes after midday. The final peak was Skiddaw, which he conquered by 6.5 p.m.

PIG ON PARADE

People in Pickering, Ontario, turned round and stared the other day when they saw a woman walking along the town's main street with a pig on a dog's lead.

But she was not trying to start a new fashion in pets. She had found the pig in her garden and was merely on her way to hand it over to the local authorities.

We are reminded of that famous limerick by Edward Lear: *There was an old person of Anerley,*

Whose conduct was strange and unmannerly.

He rushed down the Strand With a pig in each hand.

But returned in the evening to Anerley.

CHIEF WEASELHEAD

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Seymour Howard, returned from a four weeks' tour of Western Canada with a new title. While there he had been made honorary chief of an Indian tribe and given the title of "Chief Weaselhead."

AN ISLAND RAILWAY AND ITS STORY

THOUSANDS of young people who spent a happy holiday in the Isle of Man this summer will have vivid memories of the little railway there. It has only 46 miles of permanent way—and single line at that—but every mile is fascinating.

The engines are of two types. One weighs 24 tons and has six wheels and can haul 300 tons at 25 miles an hour on the level. The other, with four wheels, weighs 20 tons and can pull 220 tons at 25 m.p.h.

But these miniature engines are not the only claims which the railway has to being different from any other in Britain.

Its gauge is only three feet; only at the bigger stations is there any kind of platform; and having alighted at one of them you can use the return half of your ticket to come back by bus if you wish.

The railway is also one of the very few in Britain which has not been nationalised. In the early days it did much to develop the island, which is 30 miles long and 15 miles wide at its broadest point. The tiny engines have proved themselves very efficient in

smoothed out by the time of the public opening of the line two months later. Great interest had been aroused, and a special boat was chartered to bring over the hundreds of distinguished guests from Liverpool, 70 miles away.

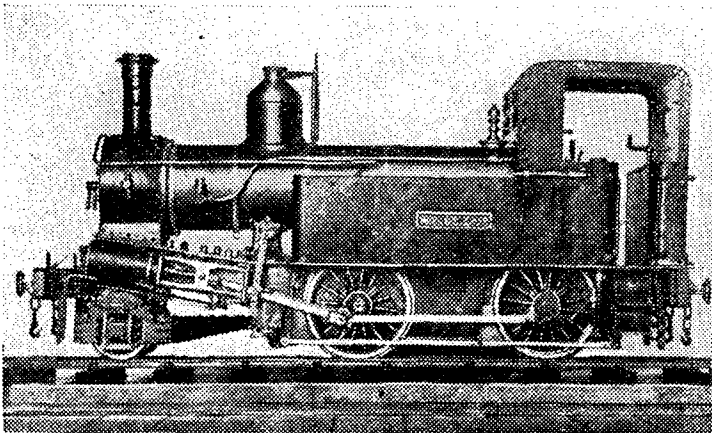
Cheering crowds lined the 11½ miles of narrow track from Douglas to Peel, and at every station a brass band, riding in an open wagon, played at full blast.

GALA DAY

It was a gala day.

The company's first engine, the Sutherland, pulled the first train, and triumphantly completed the run to Peel in 47 minutes. Then, to show what really could be done, a second train followed in only 27 minutes.

A great welcome awaited the steaming, whistling engines and their passengers at Peel. Over the station hung a large banner.



Scale-model of an Isle of Man railway engine

coping with the many steep gradients.

The first line was opened in 1873, after many years of struggling by the early pioneers. Before they could make a start they had to overcome official shortsightedness, lack of capital, and the prejudice of landowners.

There was also fierce opposition from the owners of livery stables and horse-drawn cabs, who, understandably, saw the coming of the railway as a serious threat to their livelihood.

TRIAL RUNS

At last, however, the opposition was silenced, and under the Duke of Sutherland, a company was formed with sufficient money to open a line between Douglas, the seat of government, and Peel, a small fishing town on the opposite coast.

The trial runs on May 1, 1873, provided a lot of excitement. First a damaged axle caused a halt halfway to Peel; at the second attempt the engine ran right off the rails; and at the third try, although the train did manage to puff into Peel, she disgraced herself by upsetting sand-bags—used as buffers—all over the station.

But the imperfections were

Written on it were these words in the ancient Manx language:

Manx Speedeilyls Dan Raad
Yiarn Eddy R Doolish as
Purt ny Hinshey.

which meant:

Success to the Iron Road
between Douglas and Peel.

Not everyone in the island shared these good wishes, however.

In attempts to damage the new company's prestige and reputation with the public, rascals in the pay of cab-owners placed all sorts of obstacles on the line in the hope of causing serious accidents.

But the would-be train wreckers were defeated. Slowly other lines came into being, and today there are trains running from Douglas to Port Erin in the south, and from Peel to Ramsey in the north, as well as from Douglas to Peel.

Despite the coming of buses and private cars the tiny railway is still popular in the summer-time.

Schoolboys, in particular, find the highly-polished brass and old-fashioned appearance of the maroon-painted engines great fun. Some of them have even been known to spend an entire week's holiday trying to spot all of the company's 16 sturdy engines.

Insects at work

A fascinating addition to Edinburgh Zoo is the new Insect and Rare Bird House. The centre of attraction is a large display case wherein an army of ants can be closely studied through movable magnifying lenses.

There is also a glass hive which enables onlookers to watch bees as they enter, laden with nectar, through a glass tunnel and fill the cells in the "larder" or pass on to the "nursery" in which the cells contain young bees still in egg form. The queen bee has been specially marked with a white spot so that she may be easily recognised.

A charming exhibit is a glass-walled room inhabited by beautiful moths and butterflies, and tiny, brilliantly coloured humming birds which hover motionless in the air, their wings beating so fast as to be quite invisible.

FOR A FRIEND OVERSEAS

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GAS FROM OIL

Britain will save 300,000 tons of coal a year soon when a plant is completed on the Isle of Grain, Kent, to produce gas entirely from oil.

Mains will be laid from the new plant to Strood, where the gas will be fed into a main trunk system serving an area from Sittingbourne to Guildford.

For high flyers



This pressure suit for high altitude flyers was shown at the recent Farnborough Air Show.

News from Everywhere

CLOCKS BACK

British Summer Time ends on Sunday, October 2, so do not forget to put your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday night.

A section of the Roman wall round London has been unearthed near the Tower during excavations for a new Crown Jewels building.

Winning hit



The winner of a tree-felling contest at Brisbane watches the block go flying.

Five hundred Yorkshire miners have volunteered to test a new influenza vaccine.

More than half the 60 boys who left Ossett and Horbury schools, Yorkshire, chose engineering, mining, and the building trades as their careers.

The first issue of the Federation's own coins was recently made in Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The coins, valued at about £400, were made at the Royal Mint.

Work has started in Norway on the laying of the longest free cable span in the world. It is the 16,568-foot high-tension cable across the Sognefjord.

Plays at the Comedie-Française in Paris are being explained in English before the performance for the benefit of English-speaking visitors.

PIT HEAP ROSES

Roses are to be planted on five acres of a Northumberland pit heap for the making of rose hip syrup.

Cookery lessons for boys and carpentry lessons for girls are to be held in the evenings at Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs.

A small flock of Australian Merino sheep, reputedly the best producers of wool in the world, has been imported by Britain's Agricultural Research Council. They will be used for experimental breeding.

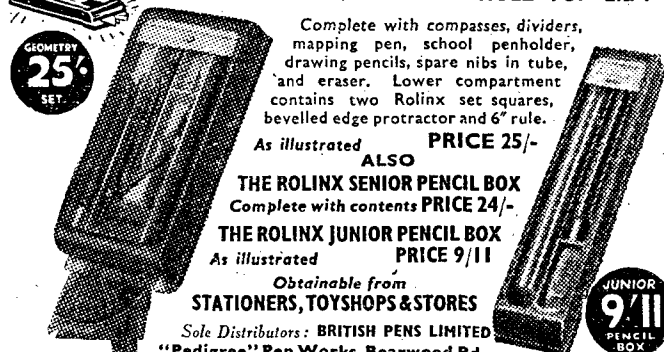
OPERATION HANNIBAL

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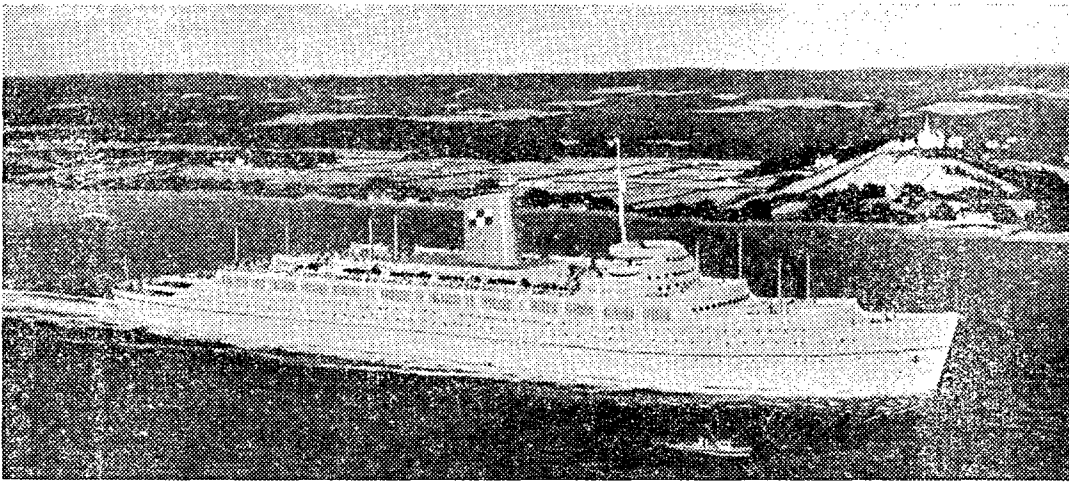
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FIFTY YEARS AT THE MUSEUM

A man who has probably noted the names of more books and periodicals than any other living person, Mr. Edward E. Hinton, recently left the British Museum after 50 years' service. He was superintendent of the Museum's Copyright Office.

By law, a copy of every new book, newspaper, pamphlet, and circular published in this country must be sent to the British Museum Library, the largest in the world. Over six million items, ranging from scholarly treatises to comic papers have passed through Mr. Hinton's hands.

On his retirement he received a presentation from his colleagues—but not in the form of books.

Teasel harvest



These "lugs" of teasels will be sent to woollen factories in the North for raising nap on cloth. This year's harvest is one of the best on record.

HOW SALUTING BEGAN

In the latest issue of Soldier, the British Army magazine, a writer reveals how the Coldstream Guards were responsible for the introduction of the hand salute.

In the old days a private soldier in the Coldstreams saluted an officer by taking off his hat and bowing. This, however, often resulted in hats being soiled by dirty hands, and so in 1745 the order went out that all ranks would salute, by simply raising the hand when bowing.

In 1790 the hand salute was adopted throughout the British Army, although it was not until 1918 that soldiers stopped saluting with either hand, according to which side the officer passed.

Latest liner

An artist's impression of the new liner Empress of Britain steaming up the St. Lawrence river. She is due to make her maiden voyage to Quebec and Montreal next April.

LITTLE LOCO CALLED RUSSELL

A 60-year-old miniature railway locomotive has been taken by road to the Towyn (Merioneth) wharf of the Tallyllyn narrow-gauge railway to be held there on show as a museum piece.

Named Russell, the engine was, until recently, working as a quarry haulage engine at Corfe Castle, Dorset. But it originally belonged to the Welsh Highland Railway until 1939, when that line closed down.

The engine weighs 23 tons and has a gauge of two feet. It is now the property of the Birmingham Locomotive Society which has asked that the little loco should be held indefinitely as a show piece at Towyn.

It is hoped that a museum of ancient miniature railway rolling stock may be established at Towyn by the Tallyllyn Railway Preservation Society. It was this society, with nearly 1000 members in all parts of the world, which saved the 90-year-old Tallyllyn Railway from extinction.

DOWN AT THE FAIR

A complete model of Hull's famous Fair has been built by Mr. John Dore, a boilermaker of that city.

Over the last 30 years he has spent a great deal of his spare time on models of swingboats, roundabouts, and sideshows, with all the details correct. They are painted in realistic colours and they light up.

The Lord Mayor of Hull saw the models and decided they should have a place in the real Fair. So this year they will all be assembled together and shown, first at a civic lunch in the Guildhall and afterwards in a tent during the Fair itself.

This will be the first time that even Mr. Dore has seen the complete model fully laid out.

KING OF THE COSTERS

The Premier Pearly King of London, John Marriott, has no fewer than 25,000 pearly buttons on his suit, and nearly 2000 sewn into his cap.

REFLECTING MAN'S PROGRESS

Five pairs of 70-foot stained-glass windows conveying in rich colour the progress of man from birth to the after-life, is being made for Coventry Cathedral by a team of artists and craftsmen at the Royal College of Art in London.

The first pair, mainly in green glass, will represent youth. The second in red, and the third in the colours of the rainbow, will stand for man and woman growing towards maturity, and for middle age. The fourth pair of windows, in shades of deep blue and purple, will symbolise old age. And the last, which culminates in a burst of light at the altar, will be in a glowing golden glass to indicate the after-life.

The windows have been designed by three artists who are carrying out the work with the assistance of former students of the college.

FESTIVAL SOUVENIR

A souvenir of the Festival of Britain which nobody has yet acquired is the telephone number of its headquarters, the appropriate Waterloo 1951.

It will be given to the occupier of one of the new flats or offices to be built on the South Bank.

DEEP WATER WORK

One of the deepest salvage operations ever undertaken has been awarded to the British vessel Lifeline, which will try to raise 1000 tons of copper from a wreck 680 feet down in the Oslo fjord.



Stilts for four

The Good Quads, now seven years old, are becoming stilt experts at their home at Nettleton, Wiltshire.

ALL-ROUNDER PLANE

A big twin-engine transport plane climbed away from an airfield in the United States recently, retracted its wheels, lowered a pair of 13-foot hydro-skis, and then demonstrated how one aircraft can operate from water, ordinary runways, snow, and ice.

The aircraft—a Chase Avitrac—is known as a panto-based plane. This new term, derived from the Greek *pantos*, meaning "all," indicates that the aircraft can operate from virtually any smooth surface of the required length.

At the end of a landing on a strip of water, the Avitrac pilot can lower the plane's wheels, raise the skis, and taxi ashore.

The panto-based system is likely to prove of particular value to planes operating in countries with extensive inland waterways.

NATIONAL CAT WEEK

It is estimated that Britain has from two to three million cats, and a "National Cat Week" is to be held for their benefit from October 1 to 8. This will consist largely of efforts to raise funds for the rescue work of the Cats' Protection League.

In an exhibition to be held at St. Andrew's Hall in London on October 8 every kind of "catware" will be displayed—traveling boxes, food and feeding dishes, insecticides, harnesses and leads, motoring jumpers and blankets, even toys.

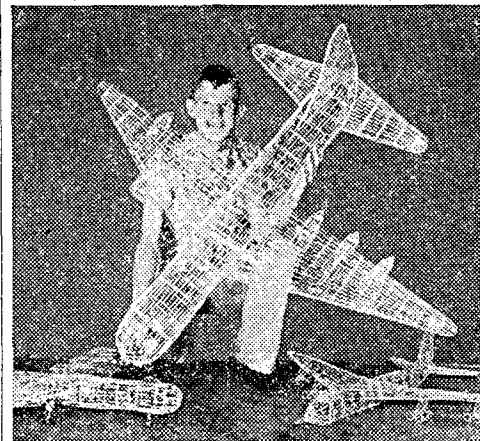
To amuse young visitors a large doll's house is being fitted up with cat furniture and toy cat tenants. Cat-owners will be asked to enrol their pets in the Tail-Wavers' Club, which helps to maintain a cats' home in Surrey and a number of cat clinics.

TOOTHPICK MODELS

Holding a model of a six-engine Convair XC-99 transport plane is Clement Miller, a young American whose fascinating hobby is modelling with toothpicks. On the left is a Convair

B-36 bomber, and on the right a YB-60.

He estimates that in making these models, which took more than a year to build, he used 6000 toothpicks.



Another story of a toothpick model comes from the other side of the world.

A five-foot model of the Eiffel Tower has been made entirely out of 11,000 toothpicks by a crane-driver of Napier, New Zealand. The young man has never seen the original but he spent hours with a magnifying glass poring over a small photograph of it.

THEIR GOOD DEED

Janet Spain, Elizabeth Meadows, and Kathleen Slingsby, three young schoolgirls of Kennington near Ashford, Kent, have had a busy time this summer.

During their spare moments they have made lavender bags, bibs, and pinafores, which they then sold from a stall to relatives and friends. They sent the proceeds to the local group of the National Spastics Society.

DUNGENESS LIGHT TO BE ELECTRIC

The Dungeness lighthouse in Kent, the first sign of England seen by so many sea and air travellers coming to this country, is to be converted to electricity next year. The change-over is part of Trinity House's plan to convert lighthouses to electricity wherever possible.

At present the 164,000 candle-power paraffin lamp, visible for 17 miles, has to be primed with methylated spirit before it can be used. This process takes about 12 minutes, and twice a night the keepers have to pump up the paraffin pressure.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The newly opened Edinburgh Museum of Childhood, mentioned recently in CN, has received so many gifts from all over the country that its trustees are already looking for larger quarters. At present the museum is in the historic Lady Stair's House in the Lawnmarket.

BUNSEN BURNER BIRTHDAY

A special exhibition has been arranged at the Science Museum, South Kensington, to mark the centenary of the Bunsen burner. It was invented by Professor R. W. Bunsen of Heidelberg.



History on the walls

Dorchester Primary School is only a mile from the great hill fortress of Maiden Castle. Based on evidence found by archaeologists, scenes from the capture of the fort by Roman troops have been painted on the school walls by two artists.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Nelson takes Rome

SEPTEMBER 27, 1799. NAPLES—A British naval barge sailed up the Tiber into Rome today and the British colours were planted on the ancient Capitol.

The ceremony confirms the French surrender of Roman territory to the forces under Admiral Lord Nelson.

It is known that some time ago Lord Nelson asked the British military command at Minorca for a force of 1200 men to wrest Rome from the French, but was

told that so slender a force could not hope to succeed.

As it turns out Lord Nelson and Commodore Sir Thomas Troubridge have won Rome without the shedding of one drop of blood.

Sir Thomas, who negotiated the surrender, discovered that the French garrisons were weak, and when the French ambassador in Rome declared that Rome was French by right of conquest, Sir Thomas replied: "Then now it is mine by reconquest."

King Richard deposed

SEPTEMBER 30, 1399. WESTMINSTER—The Lords of Parliament assembled around a vacant throne in Westminster Hall today to accept the abdication of King Richard II.

The ceremony was watched by Henry of Bolingbroke, Duke of Hereford, cousin of King Richard, and son of John of Gaunt. When the instruments of abdication had been read he took his seat on the Throne and was acknowledged King Henry IV.



Richard II

The deposed king has been a prisoner since the beginning of this month when, returning from Ireland, he surrendered to King Henry's forces. He was taken as prisoner to Chester and then to the Tower of London.

King Richard insisted on reading his renunciation of the Crown himself. He declared himself unworthy of it, expressing his wish that Henry should succeed him, and himself placed the royal signet ring on the new king's finger.

(Four months later King Richard died in somewhat mysterious circumstances at Pontefract Castle.)

Storm over play on Sunday

OCTOBER 1, 1631. LONDON—A storm of protest has broken out following the performance of a play in London last Sunday.

The play was Mr. William Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, privately performed in the Bishop of Lincoln's house.

The Puritans are objecting to what they describe as "a desecration of the Sabbath" and are urging that all those taking part in the performance should be punished.

One of the players, who acted the part of Bottom, has already

paid the penalty. On Tuesday he was put in the stocks and made to sit in the porter's lodge at the Bishop's house from six in the morning until six in the evening wearing an ass's head. It was declared that "having acted like an ass he should look like one."

Those in favour of Sunday plays argue that these are not against the law of the land. They point out that in 1569 Queen Elizabeth I authorised Sunday sports and entertainments and actually gave a London tradesman licence to perform plays.

RADIO AND TV

BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN

The Light Programme plans a special effort

Look out for brighter evenings on the BBC Light this autumn. Ottawa-born Rooney Pelletier, the Controller, tells me a special effort is being made to win an extra audience each night between six and seven, when both BBC and commercial TV are off the air.

The Younger Generation, for instance, is having something different every day between 6.30 and 6.45. All through the summer producers have been scouring the country to find special talent for this programme, which is by and

for young people. Almost every topic appealing to younger folk is included—sport, music, current affairs, and careers, as well as quizzes, panels, and debates.

For the big Saturday night feature—Sports Report from five to six—the BBC will have 20 reporters perhaps at places as far apart as Bordeaux and Pretoria.

"Don't listen to dire warnings that sound radio is dying," said Mr. Pelletier. "In my view sound radio can get along nicely with television, sometimes with simultaneous broadcasts."

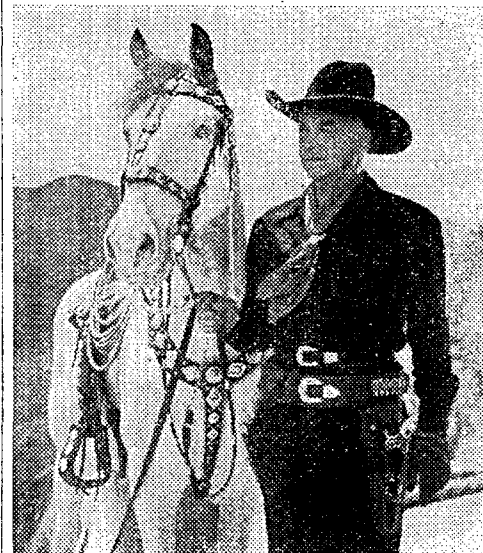
This week on Commercial Television

COMMERCIAL TV is getting into full swing this week. This Wednesday in Tea-V-Time between five and six we meet the Redway

Family for the first time, as well as Peter Butterworth introducing Buddy Budgerigar, a live bird, in adventures which are all mixed up with animated cartoons.

On Thursday two weekly film series begin—Mickey Rooney with his gang, and William Boyd in Hopalong Cassidy adventures.

An old favourite, George Cansdale, makes his appearance in *Pets' Parade* on Friday. Unusual guests in the series will include tame alligators, marmosets, bushbabies, and a baby elephant. Cats of Fleet Street will be a competition to find the finest ratters guarding the newspaper offices.



Hopalong Cassidy and Topper

HISTORY OF A YOUNG STATE

The people of Western Australia are increasingly turning their attention to the history of their young State, and a new home for their archives has been opened in Perth.

The pioneers of Western Australia were too busy making history to give much thought to preserving it. But in 1923, nearly 100 years after the foundation of the colony, a State Archives Board was set up to collect records of the past.

Prominent in this work was Dr. J. S. Battye, Principal Librarian of Perth, who died last year. So it was decided that the house where he lived and worked for over 50 years was the most fitting home for the Archives Department. And the other day it was officially opened.

FOR TRAIN-SPOTTERS

An ideal 5s. birthday gift for young train-spotters has just been published by Frederick Warne. It is called the *Observer's Book of Railway Locomotives of Britain* by Ernest F. Carter.

It contains eight colour plates and over 200 photographs of railway engines (with descriptions and historical notes)

Jet Morgan beats the scientists

I HAVE been talking with Charles Chilton, writer and producer of *Journey into Space*, now beginning its winter run in the Light Programme. He believes there will be more interested listeners than ever before because of scientists' recent announcements about satellites in space.

"Satellites, of course, are old-fashioned to 'Jet' Morgan," he said. "We passed that stage ages ago!"

There is one plea Chilton asked me to pass on: "Please don't phone the BBC to ask what happened last week. Lots of people do. If you miss an instalment there's always a synopsis of what happened at the start of the next."

Animals on the danger list

WHY do we say "as dead as the Dodo?" Watch Peter Scott with his film and crayon drawings in BBC Children's TV on Thursday as he tells how this fabulous bird became extinct.

In his programme, called *Look*, Peter Scott will tell of the tremendous efforts being made to save other species from dying out. He himself saved the Hawaiian Geese breed from extinction by bringing three survivors back to the Wild Fowl Trust at Slimbridge. Now there are 60 or 70 there.

People are anxious about the tiny Australian Koala bears, so scarce now that they are treated almost as hospital cases and fed from babies' bottles. These and other creatures on the danger list will be seen in the TV film.

Collectors' pieces

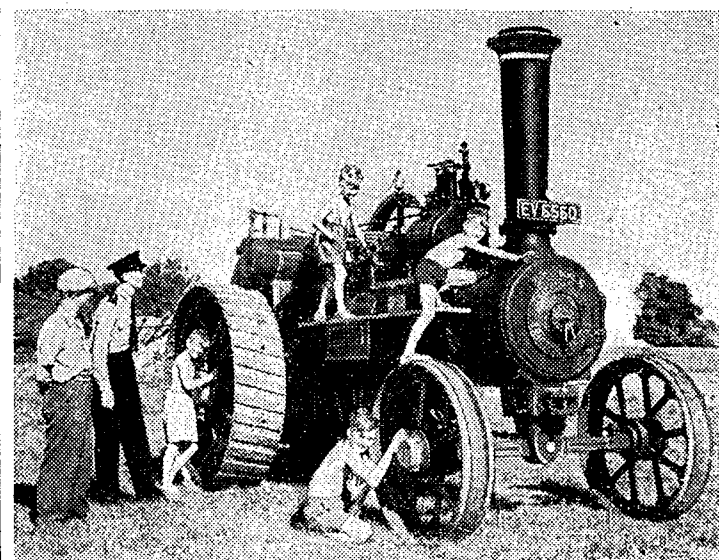
WE do not often see steam traction engines these days; in fact, they are such collectors' pieces that a National Traction Engine Club exists to treasure these grand old veterans.

Some of them will be seen on BBC television next Saturday afternoon in a rural display beside

the Wenvoe television mast. After they have paraded in full steam, the engines will take part in a race.

There will be farming demonstrations, too, but I think the traction engines, with their steam and noise, will steal the picture.

ERNEST THOMSON



Another grand old veteran which will also be showing its paces on Saturday is the King George V. It will be taking part in the Traction Engine Derby at Hastingwood, near Epping

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ROUND THE TOWNS

by Alan Ivimey

THE only entrance to Southwold by road is from the north. All traffic must come and go by Mights Bridge, which leads over the Buss Creek to the long High Street. Beyond the creek the houses stretch in a straight line, almost like a town wall, and so they do across the top of the Common. And beyond them are the yellow cliffs of the sunny Suffolk coast and the North Sea.

"We are almost on an island, you know," the Town Clerk told me, "and we have been very much so on various occasions in our history, and particularly in 1953 during the East Coast floods."

It would be easy to spend a summer holiday here and never realise there was water all round. The long High Street goes straight, or almost straight, towards the sea and a little uphill. At the top it opens into a small market-place with a big pump in the centre and you are now only a minute's walk from the cliff-top.

The town, quite a small one, lies nearly all to one side of this main thoroughfare and is built round a series of pleasant little greens, seven in all. As you walk about you keep on seeing the lighthouse looking at you over the tops of the red roofs like a tall friend dressed in white. It is quite surrounded by houses.

If you could stand up there and look round you would soon see the lie of the land. The Buss Creek nearly, but not quite, cuts its way through the sand and shingle beach to the north. Then it sweeps round to the west and joins the River Blyth, and the combined waterways run out to the sea between two concrete piers, a mile to the south of the town.

To the north is the reedy mere of Easton Broad, also nearly touching the beach. But there is no place called Easton now. It has been swallowed up by the sea—a great promontory which once was probably the most eastern point of the British Isles. It

formed the north end of Sole Bay and protected Southwold Harbour. Gradually it was washed away, the bay became less and less sheltered, and the rival town of Dunwich, with parish churches and a castle, was washed away, too, piece by piece.

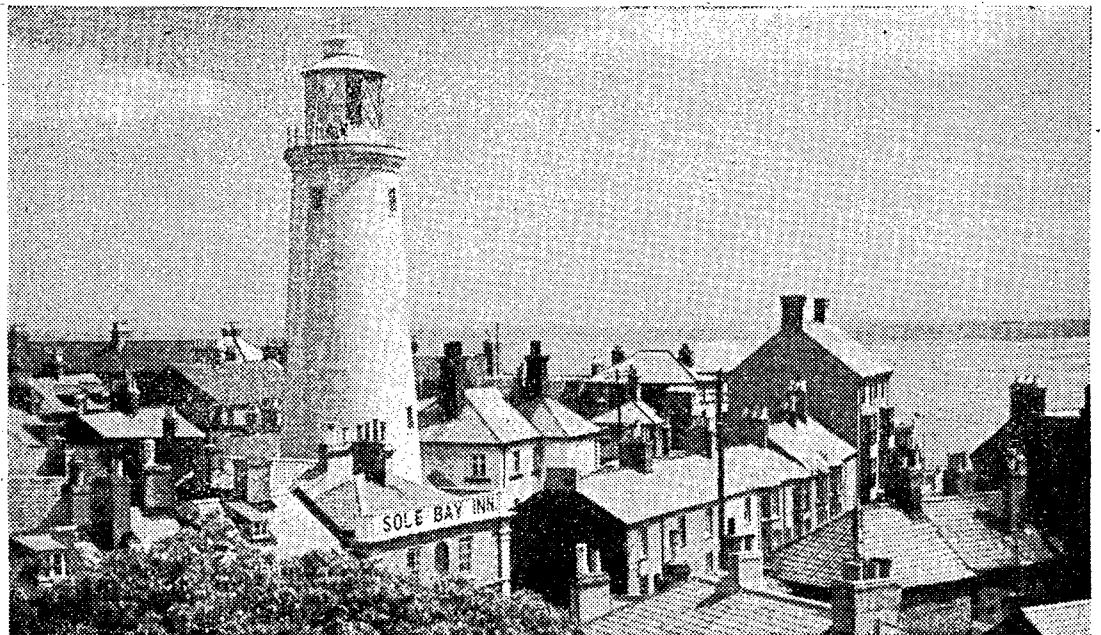
No wonder there are great shifting sandbanks off the coast of which ships must beware. And so the lighthouse stands there to send out, night by night, its silent warning. There is no one inside for the light is worked automatically nowadays.

On either side of the lamp are red screens. When a ship is on a safe course her crew see only a white light. But should she steer either towards the deadly Barnards Sands or the Sizewell Sands, then, on both those compass bearings, the light would be seen through one or other of the red screens. So the ship's course would have to be altered until she could see a white light again from Southwold.

The sea brought Southwold into being and has brought it both fortune and misfortune. Within 20 years of the Norman Conquest it was known as a great place for herrings. When the Easton headland began to disappear, disaster to the rival port of Dunwich brought prosperity to Southwold. Its river haven was full of ships, some of which were always used in the king's service. "Buss" is simply an old name for a sailing vessel, and what is now only a muddy creek was once capable of bearing sea-going ships.

DAYS OF THE PRIVATEERS

Southwold men used to ply regularly to and from Iceland for the fishing season. Sometimes they would bring back an Icelandic wife to settle in this little Suffolk town. The place prospered, was granted a mayor and corporation and a charter. But wealth attracted the lawless men of the sea, particularly the Dunkirkers—privateers from Dunkirk—who lay off the harbour waiting



The lighthouse and St. Edmund's Parish Church are Southwold landmarks for miles around, both seawards and shorewards

to capture merchantmen and their cargoes.

At the end of the biggest of Southwold's greens you will find Gun Hill, on the top of the cliff, as a reminder of those days. A row of old guns bearing the royal mark of the rose and crown still stands there, pointing out to sea. They were probably 150 years old when they were brought here, about 1745, but still good enough to discourage the Dunkirkers. They could command the entrance to the harbour and also the approach to the beach.

Inland run one or two short streets of houses gay with wisteria or clematis in summertime, and every sort of flower. Park Lane is the best of all, and here lived a local celebrity, Thomas Gardner, who wrote a history of the town and district in 1754. A plaque commemorates him still.

Almost next door, too, lived Agnes Strickland who wrote the famous book on the Queens of England which was so much liked by our great-grandparents.

THE CAMP ON THE COMMON

These short and charming streets from South Green, decorated here and there with an old ship's figurehead, lead to the Common. Here are football pitches, a site for gymkhanas, and the golf course. And it was here that the late George VI, when Duke of York, founded the annual boys' camp which bears his name because he used to stay there every summer with the lads and sit round the fire with them and join in the singing.

Beyond this great stretch of turf and gorse is the River Blyth and the old haven called Blackshore. There is a boat-building shed or two of black and tarry planks, a sailing club, some white-washed cottages, a timber landing-stage, and an aged, tiled inn. On the front, above the ground floor windows, runs a bright red line labelled "This Line Marketh the Visitation of the Waters January 31, 1953."

There are still a few local craft

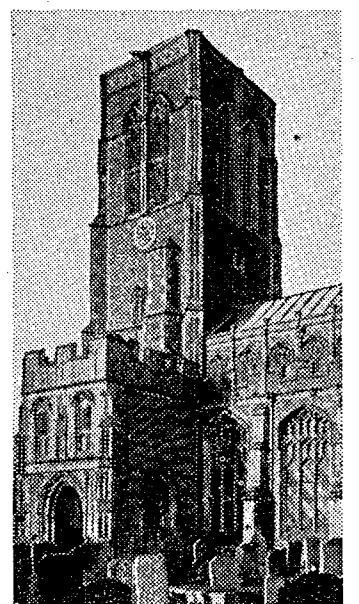
fishing from here and the fine fish they catch find a quick sale in the town.

Southwold is, above all, a place to stroll about in. The greens, you will discover, were laid out after the disastrous fire of 1659 as a precaution against such a thing ever happening again. Indeed, almost all that remains of Southwold before the fire is the magnificent parish church, and that has been given a green of its own.

JACK IN ARMOUR

Dedicated to St. Edmund, its great flint and dressed stone tower must have been a ship's landmark for miles. It was built during the Wars of the Roses and still has its famous figure, Southwold Jack, dressed in the armour of that time. He strikes a bell for the Sunday services to begin and is very popular with visitors.

In the High Street you find that here was the headquarters of James, Duke of York, during the sea campaign which ended with the great battle of Sole Bay. In various houses there are memories of the great girls'



school, St. Felix, which came here in 1898. The founder wanted it to be a place "where girls are treated as sensible creatures." Today it has its own fine buildings overlooking the Blyth, on the outskirts.

It is a place to be happy in, this compact little town which is almost an island on the sunny Suffolk coast.



In Park Lane they still preserve the home of Thomas Gardner, port officer of the 18th century and local historian



These old 18-pounder culverins on Gun Hill used to defend the town and port against the Dunkirk privateers

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KEEP BRITAIN TIDY

It is reported from Barnstaple, North Devon, that two lorries and a squad of men were needed to clear a 30-mile trail of litter left along the lovely roads of Exmoor by holiday-makers this summer.

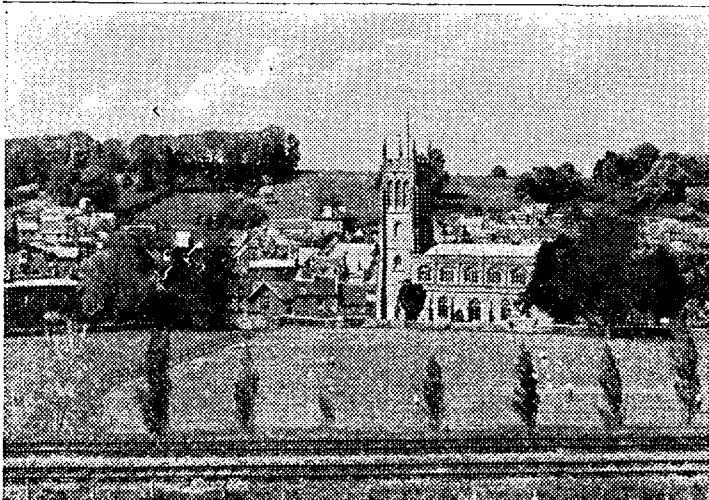
A Forest Officer has told us that on a recent tour he found a long, long trail of paper starting in the sea at Land's End and reaching right across England.

A beach in Cornwall has been closed because visitors had left it ankle-deep in rubbish. Similar dismal stories come from all parts of the country—the litter-bug is everywhere.

Fortunately there is another side to the picture. Fine work is being done by the Keep Britain Tidy Group which was formed earlier this year by The National Federation of Women's Institutes; and their example is being followed by many other voluntary organisations, including the Y.H.A. and the Boy Scouts.

Members pledge themselves not to throw away sweet wrappings and other rubbish, and to dissuade others from doing so. District councils and bus companies are being urged to provide more litter bins. Scouts and others are helping to clean up the mess.

Visitors from overseas constantly express amazement at Britain's untidy habits. The present campaign will do much to improve matters; but success depends on every one of us. Ours is a lovely land; let us not make it a rubbish-dump. Keep Britain Tidy!



OUR HOMELAND

Bruton, a little town in a Somerset valley

TO BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD

SQUEAKING shoes are among the minor tribulations of civilised mankind. As a contributor to the Christian Science Monitor has written: "They can take the dignity out of an ambassador's courtliest approach, and put comedy into a general's stride."

They can also take the glory out of going up to the rostrum to receive a school prize; and, as many of us know only too well, they can be an embarrassment in more ordinary walks of life.

There is only one method of prevention: to test a new pair of shoes before leaving the shop, and not to heed the salesman who says: "That squeak will soon go."

Indeed it will—like Mary's little lamb. Everywhere the wearer goes, the squeak is sure to go.

Think on These Things

THE prophet Jonah was told by God to go and preach to the heathen people of Nineveh.

In the end they believed his preaching, repented, and turned to God. But Jonah was not really glad at all as he should have been, for he was not really interested in winning the heathen to the knowledge of the true God.

The author of this fascinating story was writing in protest against those who wanted to keep their faith to themselves. His desire was to remind them that when God calls a people or a person, this call is not to privilege, but to responsibility.

What of us? Christ calls us to win others. Every Christian is to be a missionary. We are to be ready to speak to others about Jesus, and what He means to us, and we must always remember that one of the best ways of doing this is by showing Him in our lives.

O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

As Charles Dickens wrote: There is nothing so contagious as pure openness of heart.

The Editor's Table

Bargain Portrait

BILL STOCKWELL, a seven-year-old of Oklahoma City, saw a portrait of President Eisenhower which he liked. So he raided his money-box and sent the contents—value 16s. 4d.—together with a letter to the artist, asking to buy the original painting.

The picture duly arrived with a letter explaining how it came to be painted.

When he was a student in Holland, the artist wrote, he had been taught never to paint an adult laughing. But, he went on, in the case of the President's famous grin, he just could not resist it.

"I really hate to part with this cheerful canvas, Bill," the letter ended, "but I don't want to lose the commission."

Lion dance



Japanese dancers who have been delighting audiences in Edinburgh and London this summer.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, October 3, 1925

BEFORE long every up-to-date local authority will have a white safety line at each dangerous turning or cross road in its area. The Ministry of Transport has sent out a circular urging its general use and offering to help with the cost.

The white line marked on the road shows drivers just how near the centre they may go to be safe from traffic coming the other way, and the mere sight of it makes careless drivers more careful and gives confidence to the careful driver that the man round the corner will be careful too.

CONTENTMENT

HE that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

John Bunyan.

THEY SAY . . .

ONE of the joys of our island is our isolation. We do not want to become a second Blackpool and thousands think the same way.

Lt.-Col. A. D. Dockrill, on the proposed building of a bridge to the Isle of Wight

LET us hope that the switching on of the illuminations this year will mark the end of the gloom of the cold war and will shed a bright light on the irresistible desire for a radiant and happy peace.

Mr. Malik, switching on the Blackpool illuminations

SUPERSONIC flight has arrived and I see no reason why supersonic transport should not one day follow.

Mr. J. D. Pearson, of Rolls-Royce

I WAS a boy and a train spotter myself once, but we have had too many at times lately—as many as 700 on the station at a time.

Mr. J. Fisher, stationmaster at Doncaster Central

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- JERKIN**
 - Young green pickling cucumber
 - Close-fitting leather jacket
 - Small cask for liquids
- KELP**
 - Water spirit
 - Member of Gallic tribe
 - Large kinds of seaweed
- DWINDLE**
 - Become smaller
 - Cheat
 - Pin in spinning wheel
- KITTLE**
 - Ticklish or fickle
 - Woman's gown
 - Kind of palm tree
- LENITIVE**
 - Tolerant and gentle
 - Soothing
 - Sluggishness

Answer on page 12

Out and About

MOST of our summer bird-visitors have gone, or are about to leave us, including several of the best warblers, the chiffchaff, the yellow wagtail, the redstart, the wheatear, and the turtle-dove.

The last of the swallows and martins, where they have gathered in southern parts are obviously about to bid us farewell. Like the other birds, they will be away until next Spring.

But many other welcome visitors are arriving, to stay with us over autumn and winter. In the fields and hedges this month one notices, for example, more and more fieldfares who began to arrive at least a week ago.

Fieldfares are often mistaken for song thrushes, which live here all round the year. But the fieldfare is rather more boldly coloured than the common thrush, and a poor singer.

C. D. D.

Next Week's Birthdays

October 2

Dame Myra Curtis (1886). Chairman of the committee whose report on children deprived of normal home life shocked the conscience of the nation when it was published in 1946. A prominent Civil Servant for a great part of her career, she was from 1942–1954 Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge.

October 3

Raymond Russell Lindwall (1921). Australian cricketer, and one of the greatest fast bowlers in the history of the game. He is also a useful batsman. An all-round athlete, he has played in first-class Rugby League football and is a champion surf swimmer.



October 4

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Keyes (1872–1945). Naval officer and politician. He became M.P. for North Portsmouth when he retired from the Navy and constantly urged the claims of the Senior Service in Parliament. He was recalled for service in the last war and died on active service.

October 5

Major Sir Brunel Cohen (1886). Badly injured in the First World War, he has devoted much effort to the cause of ex-Servicemen. For many years Honorary Treasurer of the British Legion, he is now Chairman of the Ministry of Labour's National Advisory Council on the Employment of the Disabled.

October 6

Thor Heyerdahl (1914). Norwegian ethnologist. To test his theory that Polynesian peoples had originally come from pre-Inca Peru, he and a crew of five drifted across the Pacific on the famous balsa raft Kon-Tiki.

October 7

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury (1573–1645). A sincere, religious, and courageous man but over-zealous and intolerant. He was one of the closest advisers of Charles I, and, in the end, he too perished on the scaffold.



October 8

Ellen Wilkinson (1891–1947). Trade Union organiser and politician. Her fiery defence of the unemployed, especially in her own constituency of Jarrow, was an outstanding feature of the House of Commons in the 1930s. She became a member of the wartime Government and was Minister of Education in the first Labour Government.

FIVE CENTURIES OF TIMEKEEPING

Visitors of all ages will find much to fascinate them at the exhibition called Five Centuries of British Timekeeping, which is being held at the Goldsmiths Hall in London from October 3 to 8. Entrance is free.

At the exhibition every kind of timepiece will be shown, from wrist-watches to a modern grandfather clock that shows the movements of the sun, moon, and constellations, as well as striking, chiming, and playing tunes.

There is Mary Queen of Scots' Silver Skull watch, the size of a boy's fist, which is richly engraved with scenes from the Scriptures. To see the dial you turn it upside down and raise the hinged jaw bone. Inside the skull is a silver bell that sounds the hours.

The watch is said to have been given by the Queen, just before her execution in 1587, to Mary Seton, a maid of honour.

Among the modern triumphs of British timekeeping is the famous

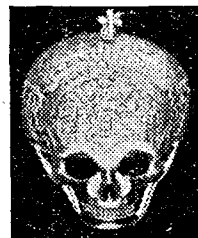
synchronome free pendulum clock, with a "slave clock" linked to it showing the familiar dials. Ninety observatories all over the world use it, and the latest order for installations of the combined clock comes from China.

It is also used nowadays for transmitting automatic time signals internationally, its accuracy being within one-fifth of a second in a year's working.

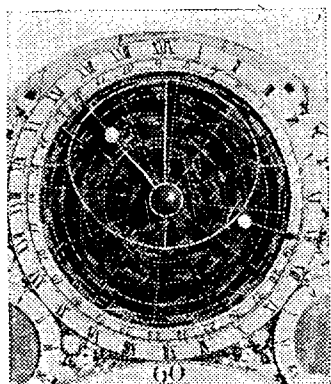
Other rare exhibits will be the antiques from the Royal collections, which have been lent by her Majesty the Queen. Alongside them will be watches and clocks showing the range of beautiful modern craftsmanship which has brought about the birth of a new British industry.

Although watch-making had been carried out by hand for hundreds of years in this country, it is only since the Second World War that we have mass-produced watches, as in Switzerland and America.

Today the British industry employs 15,000 workers, mostly girls and lads, and has established a national technical college to train craftsmen. Three million watches are produced every year and large quantities of timepieces of all kinds are exported, mainly to Commonwealth countries.



Mary Queen of Scots' skull watch



The modern grandfather clock

PIRATES OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippine Government recently returned pirate loot valued at over £6000 to the Government of Indonesia.

In January of this year Filipino pirates known as Moros raided the town of Ogamas in the Celebes, ransacked the town just like the pirates of old, and fled to their base. The Philippine Government later arrested the robbers, and sent the loot back to Indonesia.

RADIO TELEPHONE KIOSK

Bransdale, on the North Yorkshire moors near Helmsley has been supplied with the first public kiosk in England to be linked to an exchange by radio telephone.

It is in the farmyard of Spout House, Bransdale, and has a land line to a radio transmitter on a neighbouring hilltop. Signals are received by equipment ten miles away on the Helmsley-Thirsk road and then sent on telephone wires.

The dale was blocked by deep snowdrifts for several weeks and all communications cut in 1947.

STAMP ALBUM



STAMP
WITH A
STORY

THE LONDON ZOO'S ONLY KIWI RECENTLY DIED. THIS WAS A GREAT LOSS FOR IT IS A RARE BIRD, AND FOUND ONLY IN NEW ZEALAND. IT IS FLIGHTLESS AND LAYS AN EGG ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF ITS OWN WEIGHT!

TREASURE HOUSE.



THE PHILATELIC MUSEUM IN BUDAPEST (PICTURED ON THIS STAMP) HAS A COPY OF EVERY STAMP ISSUED—EXCEPT FOR A FEW GREAT RARITIES. THE TOTAL: 130,000!

Gamekeeper Who Became a Games Winner

A HIGHLY entertaining new film called *Geordie* (adapted from the successful novel by David Walker) is about a very small boy who grows up to be a very big and strong man.

When we first see *Geordie* he is a tiny boy at school (where, of course, they call him "Tich") in the Highlands of Scotland. He is not at all happy about being so small, and so—without telling anybody—he takes the savings from his money-box and sends for a correspondence course in physical culture.

Conscientiously following all the advice and doing all the exercises, he grows up to be a very big young man indeed.

No doubt the correspondence course did help him to develop his strength—*Geordie* himself is quite ready to give it all the credit. But certainly he becomes a powerful athlete, goes in for throwing the hammer, and scores a great success at the Highland Games.

By this time he has succeeded his father as gamekeeper on the estate of the Laird (Alastair Sim). He is happy there and does not want to leave home; so that even when he is invited to represent Britain at the Olympic Games in Australia, he takes a great deal of persuading.

At last, however, he agrees, and we get a peep into the future—Melbourne in 1956. And we see how *Geordie*, in spite of his unhappiness at being away from the Highlands, puts up a record-

breaking performance and beats everybody else at throwing the hammer.

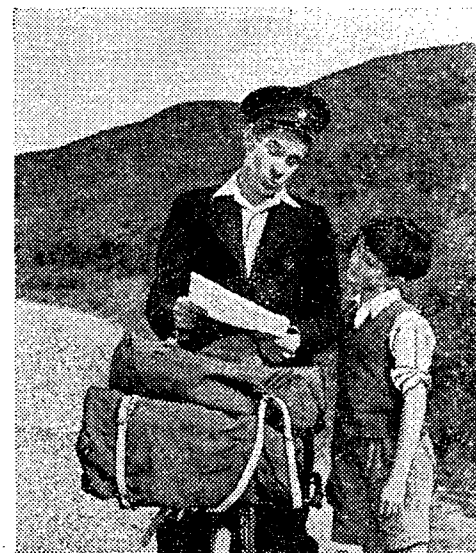
Except that when he gets home he has to clear up a misunderstanding with his girl friend Jean (and that does not take long) there is not much more in the story. Yet the film is all so entertainingly done, and so full of amusing characters and fine Scottish scenery (in colour), that it is most enjoyable.

Paul Young cleverly plays the part of the young *Geordie*, and Bill Travers seems just right as the big, simple-hearted man he becomes.

DOG'S LIFE

WALT DISNEY'S first full-length cartoon in CinemaScope is called *Lady and the Tramp*, and it is all about a dog's life—though not in the usual sense of those words. *Lady* is a pedigree spaniel who knows nothing about the world outside the home of her loving owners, and *Tramp* is a cheerful mongrel who can find fun anywhere.

Lady is upset when her owners neglect her for their new baby, and *Tramp* sets out, as he says, to show her "what a dog's life can really be." Together they go and



Young *Geordie* goes to meet the postman for his special letter

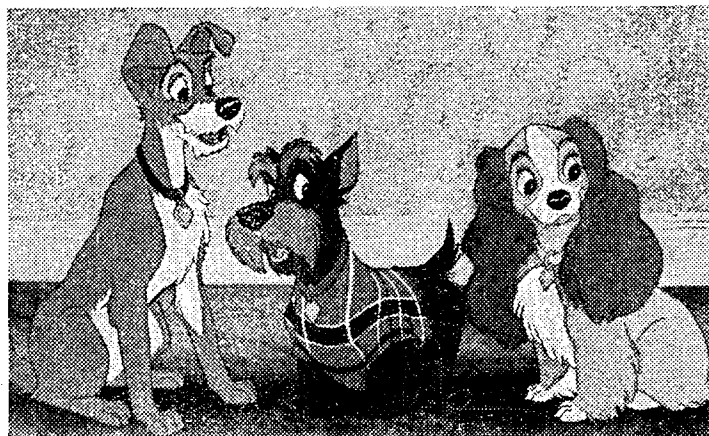
get a good meal from his friend who runs an Italian restaurant, then he shows her what great excitement may be had chasing chickens—but this leads to her capture by the dog-catcher who takes stray dogs to the "pound."

There are many more adventures before the happy ending, and plenty of entertaining canine characters, many of whom talk with their national accents. Two of them will really warm your heart—Jock the wise and lovable old Scottish terrier, and *Trusty* the old bloodhound who has lost his sense of smell. Some of the songs are sugary and sentimental, but as a whole the picture is quite good fun.

WEATHER TESTS FOR PAINTS

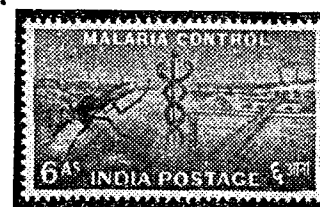
A Hull firm that produces weatherproof paints submits them to drastic tests in its factory. Those that are to cover ships in the tropics are heated to a degree that would make the Persian Gulf seem cool. Salt spray, another prime enemy of paintwork, is thrown against painted test pieces for 18 hours at a time. A temperature colder than the Antarctic is artificially reproduced.

The result is a weather-defying coat which will prolong the life of ships' plates, seaside steel structures, and other things made of metal and wood needing to remain out of doors in all weathers, and in all climates.



Together again for a Christmas reunion are *Tramp*, *Jock*, and *Lady* in the scene from Walt Disney's latest film

? PUZZLE CORNER?



ON THE LEFT OF THIS STAMP IS THE MALARIA-BEARING MOSQUITO. ON THE RIGHT IS A MODERN HOSPITAL. IN THE CENTRE IS A SERPENT-ENTWINED STAFF.

WHAT DOES THIS
SYMBOL MEAN?

Answer on back page.



LOOK AGAIN!

THE KING EDWARD VII STAMPS OF INDIA WERE ISSUED IN 1902. FOUR YEARS LATER THE ONE ANNA VALUE WAS RE-ISSUED, BUT INSCRIBED "INDIA POSTAGE & REVENUE"

STORY IN THE SOUP

Each year on October 4 Dutch people of Leyden, one of Holland's oldest cities, eat a kind of soup called "Hutspot."

This consists of carrots, onions, leeks, potatoes, and meat (the word huts means mixed) and the custom has been honoured ever since 1574.

It all started when Leyden was relieved from a siege by the Spaniards. For eight months of that year the attackers prevented any food from getting in. Citizens were reduced to eating rats, mice, grass, and weeds.

Then one day some of the people went to Leyden's Town Hall, and demanded surrender.

"There is no food," said Mayor Adriaen Van Der Werff, "but if you desperately want something to eat, take my arm."

WELCOME SIGHT


The brave gesture put new heart into the people of Leyden, and eventually a Dutch army arrived and breached the dykes of the Rhine, so flooding the countryside and also the Spanish trenches. The enemy retreated and, what was almost as welcome, left huge camp pots filled with a steaming mass of vegetables and meat which the ravenous Leydeners named Hutspot.

Ever since then, on October 3 of each year, Leiden has commemorated Mayor Van Der Werff with an evening ceremony and dance in the park named after him. The next day, between other celebrations, the citizens all go home to dine on Hutspot.

WORLD'S OLDEST TREES SAVED

In the Sequoia National Park, California, the other day over 1500 fire-fighters went into action when flames threatened some of the world's oldest trees. The danger had already reached to within a mile of the General Grant redwood tree, calculated to be more than 3000 years old.

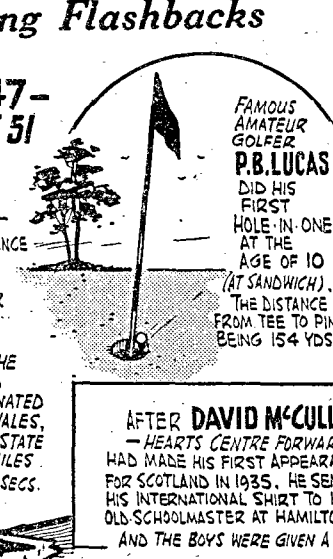
Sporting Flashbacks




**STARTED AT 47—
CHAMPION AT 51**

PERCY CERUTTI
— born Melbourne, Australia, 1895 —
TOOK UP LONG-DISTANCE RUNNING AT THE AGE OF 47 IN AN EFFORT TO RECOVER LOST HEALTH...

AT 51, HE ENTERED FOR THE VICTORIA MARATHON AND ALTHOUGH THIS RACE WAS DOMINATED BY RUNNERS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES, CERUTTI ACTUALLY SET UP HIS STATE RECORD BY COVERING THE 26 MILES 385 YARDS IN 2 HRS. 53 MINS. 11 SECS.



FAMOUS AMATEUR GOLFER P.B. LUCAS
DID HIS FIRST HOLE-IN-ONE AT THE AGE OF 10 (AT SANDWICH). THE DISTANCE FROM TEE TO PIN BEING 154 YDS.



AFTER DAVID McCULLOCH
— HEARTS CENTRE FORWARD —
HAD MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE FOR SCOTLAND IN 1935. HE SENT HIS INTERNATIONAL SHIRT TO HIS OLD SCHOOLMASTER AT HAMILTON... AND THE BOYS WERE GIVEN A HOLIDAY

SIGNALMAN WHO WATCHES THE BADGERS

This is the time of year when Brock the badger gorges himself, like a small boy at a party, so that he can live during the lean days of winter. He spends most of his time deep underground, where he can sometimes be heard grunting, when the colder months are here.

For the past ten years Mr. Richard Fawcett, a railway signalman, who lives in the grey-faced Yorkshire village of Austwick, has watched badgers at their homes

in all parts of the Yorkshire Dales. When the moon is glowing in the sky and the wood owls are hooting, he makes for the woods where badger "setts"—or holes—are to be found. Then he settles quietly nearby and waits.

After maybe an hour or two of keeping still, he may see the snout of the badger appear at the entrance to the sett, moving left and right, up and down, making sure there is no danger about. Then the badger emerges. Its head is handsomely striped in silver and black, and the bristles of its body glow silver in the bright moonlight.

Brock hesitates again and sniffs the air. Then it waddles to a nearby tree, raises itself against the bough, and proceeds to sharpen its claws.

Badgers are very fussy about hygiene, and lay fresh bracken on the floor of their home, often airing it in the sunshine on good days. The young badgers soon begin gathering bracken for themselves, and Mr. Fawcett has sometimes chuckled to himself when he has seen one of them trying to reach the sett with a load. One

little chap clambered down a steep track backwards, the bracken clutched between its head and forefeet, and it kept looking backwards to see if it was going in the right direction.

Badgers sometimes enter hen huts and kill the occupants. But Mr. Fawcett says: "You'll always find a few odd rogues in any kind of society, but generally the badger is just like a retired gentleman who keeps to himself. And he likes people to do the same!"

FOR BETTER SINGING IN CHURCHES

Because he was dismayed at the "decrease of hearty congregational singing" in Methodist churches, Mr. William Freeman of St. Leonards-on-Sea left £4000 in his will to try to bring about a revival.

The interest on this sum would be about £100 a year. The donor suggested that it might be used to provide small prizes which could be competed for by budding conductors prepared to undertake the supervision of congregational singing.

The Children's Newspaper, October 1, 1955

LIVINGSTONE THE PATHFINDER

The story of David Livingstone's African journeys begins in picture form on this page next week. It is a story unsurpassed in its record of hardship patiently borne and peril calmly faced.

The famous missionary explorer has been much in men's minds this year for it was in November 1855 that he discovered the Victoria Falls. Centenary celebrations of this great event have been taking place in Rhodesia recently.

When Livingstone first reached the mission station of Kuruman, in what is now Bechuanaland, the next known inland place to the north was Timbuctoo, 3500 miles away. Between lay an immense region of deserts, forests, mighty rivers, and swamps, inhabited by ferocious tribesmen and by myriads of wild animals; practically all of it was then unknown.

GREATEST TRIUMPH

How could one man hope to survive in such a savage wilderness? Livingstone did so by his natural gift for winning the confidence of native races. Often received with upraised spears, he would be joyously welcomed on his return visit.

Today railways run where he wandered sick and lonely. But the greatest triumph of all, as he would have seen it, is that the slave trade, which tortured his soul, is no more.

He blazed a trail but, as he repeatedly reveals in his Journals, he could never have attempted the daunting task had he not been sustained by his faith as a Christian.

TRACTORS SPEED THE PLOUGH

A recent British Productivity Council report stated that in England and Wales there are now 334,000 tractors. It thus takes only two weeks to plough 1,300,000 acres, instead of the six weeks required with the equipment in use before the war.

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Mountain led the soldiers and Henry and Mackellar to James's grave in the woods. As they approached, they were startled to hear the sound of digging. At first they thought Secundra Dass had found the treasure and was unearthing it. But as they drew near they were astonished to find the Indian knee-deep in his master's grave. When he caught sight of them he called to them to come and help.



Secundra explained that when he and James could not get away from their murderous companions they had tried an Eastern method of escape. This involved putting James into a deathlike trance, burying him, and later recovering him. Secundra had taught James how to induce this trance by swallowing his tongue. He was certain now that his master was still alive and could be revived by rubbing his limbs.



They lit a fire, unearthed James, and Secundra began rubbing his limbs. Henry watched in an agony of suspense. Was his brother still alive to disinherit him and his son? Then James's eyelids fluttered. Henry staggered, then fell dead. The shock had been too much for him. But that flicker of life was a passing one, and after hours of rubbing James's limbs, Secundra admitted that he was dead.



They buried the brothers side by side. A mason among the soldiers carved two inscriptions on a boulder which was placed at the head of the grave. "J. D. Heir to a Scottish title, a master of the arts and graces. Admired in Europe, Asia, America in war and peace," and, "H. D. his brother, after a life of unmerited distress bravely supported, died almost in the same hour."

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by Geoffrey Trease

1. Invitation to adventure

"MORE red tape!" grumbled Mr. Birdwood. He slumped into an armchair and stirred his tea.

"Red tape for danger," Brian whispered to Jen. When father came in looking ruffled and muttering about "red tape," it was best to look out for squalls.

"Have you had a very trying day at school?" asked Mrs. Birdwood.

"Not really. So-so," Mr. Birdwood admitted. His beaky nose emerged from his cup and his brown eyes twinkled with more of their usual good humour.

Young Bill—he was only eight, whereas Brian was 13 and Jennifer eleven—inquired through a mouthful of cake: "Why don't you like red tape, daddy? There's some in Jen's bedroom—"

"That's hair-ribbon, you egg!" jeered his sister. "Daddy means forms to fill up, and silly circulars from the Government, and that awful Mr. Thurland at the Council—"

Official humbug

"Sh!" ordered her father, grinning. "Do not speak so rudely of the great! 'Red tape,' Bill, is official humbug that wastes time and stops people from getting on with their proper work. I think it's called that because the documents used to be fastened with red tape."

"What's the matter now?" inquired Mrs. Birdwood. She was small and neat, just as her husband was burly and loose-limbed, with knobby wrists and big, practical hands. Brian, though he was going to be tall like his father, had fair hair like hers. "Wasted on a boy," Jen used to grumble. She was dark like Daddy. Young Bill was like nobody in particular—chubby, cheerful, pink, and big-eared. Just himself.

"Thurland just rang up as I

was leaving school," said Mr. Birdwood. "He wants to show someone round tomorrow afternoon. An Indian Prince or somebody."

"A prince?" cried Jen. "How exciting!"

"Blessed nuisance, upsetting the timetable! Why pick on my school?"

"Because it's the best in the district!" said Brian.

"Rubbish! Even if it were, Thurland would never say so. He hates me like poison."

Mr. Thurland was the Director of Education. He loved red tape, the more the better. Mr. Birdwood was always threatening to move to another county, where a



headmaster could run his school without a lot of fussy interference.

At that moment the telephone rang in the hall.

Dr-r-r-ring!

Mr. Thurland's fruity, self-important voice could be heard even in the sitting-room.

"Ah, Birdwood! Tried to catch you at the school before you left. About Prince Kanishka's visit tomorrow—one or two further points."

"Oh, yes?"

"Make sure all your boys know where Buristan is—in case he

asks. It is, of course, a very small independent State in the Himalayas, between India and Tibet."

Mr. Birdwood grinned at the "of course." He felt sure that Mr. Thurland had himself just looked in the atlas to find out. The pompous voice ran on:

"I've just been on to the Parks Committee. Most helpful! They're sending you a thousand geraniums in the morning—"

"What?"

Disgust

"A thousand geraniums. To brighten up the front of the school. You'll have to get your boys on to them, first thing. They'll be in pots—and they'll have to go back to the Parks Committee afterwards. So the boys must stick them in the border as they are, and smooth over the soil to hide the rims of the pots."

Mr. Birdwood nearly exploded with disgust. "You want the prince to think the boys have grown them?"

"Well, Birdwood—"

"The Parks Committee can keep their geraniums. If the prince wants to see my school, he must see it as it really is. Not a fake garden—"

"I don't like your tone, Birdwood!"

"I'm sorry—but I don't like deceit. I teach my boys to tell the truth. What can we expect if their own headmaster sets them a bad example?"

Warning faces

Mr. Birdwood put down the receiver and came back to his tea with a very angry expression. Mrs. Birdwood looked worried. Mr. Thurland was a very important official. He had made trouble in the past, and could easily do so again. The children made warning faces, and kept quiet.

Prince Kanishka's visit to the school was more enjoyable than Mr. Birdwood had expected.

Brian, as the only one of the children who was also a pupil there, took careful notice so that he could answer his sister's questions afterwards.

The prince was a dapper young man in an ordinary suit with a Harrow tie. No robes, no turban, no uniform. Only his darker skin, his brown liquid eyes, his jet-black hair, and his finely-formed features—almost like a girl's—marked him as different. He spoke English with a slight sing-song lilt in his voice.

Brian noted with glee that the prince and his father seemed to be getting on very well together as they passed from one classroom to the next. And Mr. Thurland, tagging along behind with the prince's private secretary, looked very cross indeed.

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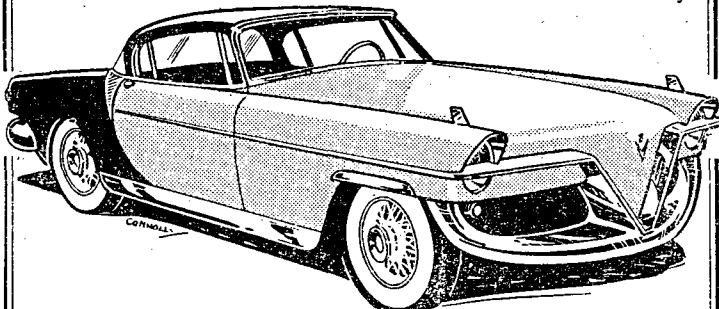
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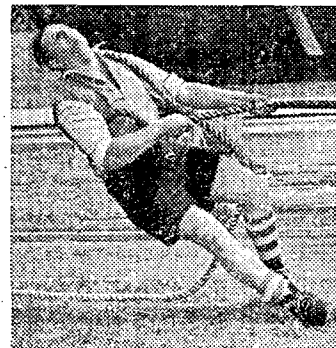
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SPORTS SHORTS

RICHARD BERGMANN, British table tennis star, is a busy man these days. He has recently completed a tour of 21 countries in eleven weeks with the famous Harlem Globetrotters. He gives exhibitions with Frenchman Rene Roothoft during the intervals in the basketball games. He is now fulfilling a month's theatrical engagement in Hamburg, again with Roothoft as his partner, and, in a few weeks' time, Bergmann is off again with the Globetrotters on a tour which will cover South America, the United States, and Canada.

JOE SYKES, the Swansea Town trainer, was a very fine player with Sheffield Wednesday and Swansea Town. Now his two sons are hoping to follow in his footsteps. Brian is an amateur on the Swansea Town staff, while younger brother Ron is a member of the Welsh League team Fforestfach.

Anchor man



The anchor man of the Norwich Fire Brigade "takes the strain." A scene during the London Fire Brigade Athletic Association meeting.

THE 1955-56 ice-hockey season opens on Saturday, when Wembley Lions meet visiting Paisley Pirates. One of the Wembley line-up will no doubt be Sonny Rost, who, at the age of 43, is the oldest active player in the game. A Canadian, he appeared in the first game ever played at the Wembley Pool, in 1934, and today he is the team's popular player-coach.

SATURDAY will see also the start of the new table tennis County Championship fixtures, when Essex meet Sussex at Crawley. Ex-world champion Johnny Leach will again captain the Essex team.

For the second year in succession Surrey C.C.C. have completed the "double" by winning the Minor Counties Championship as well as the senior competition. In the Minor Counties challenge match, Surrey won the title by beating Northumberland by 14 runs.

ALAN REES, 18-year-old Welsh all-rounder, played for the Barry Grammar School Soccer team last season, and appeared in Welsh Youth trials; he also scored 80 points for the school's Rugby XV. Having decided to concentrate on Soccer, he has signed amateur forms for Chelsea.

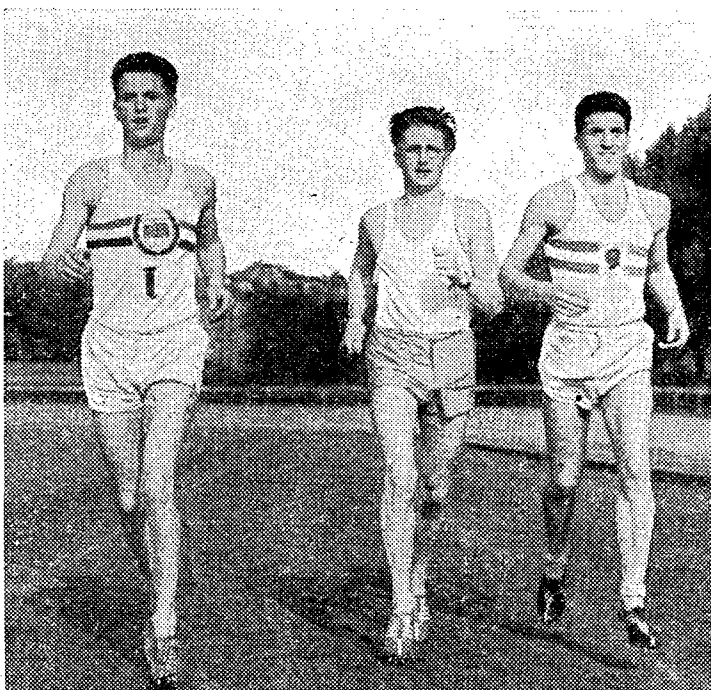
A NEW badminton star may be seen in some of the tournaments in Britain during the winter. He is Ferry Sonnevill, a judo instructor in Jakarta, Indonesia. During the past two seasons he has beaten all the leading Malaysians, including the All-England champion, Wong Peng Soon. He and his doubles partner, Eddie Yusuf, are to continue their studies in Amsterdam, and in addition to meeting the leading European badminton stars, hope to play in the All-England Championships next year.

One bull missing

A NEW world record has been set up by a five-man team of Wimbledon Park Rifle Club. Shooting at 50 yards, four of the team registered 20 consecutive bulls and the fifth man scored 19 bulls and one inner, a total of 999 points out of 1000. The previous record was held by a Birmingham club who scored 998 points on no fewer than six occasions.

SIXTEEN Army teams, two each from the Royal Marines and R.A.F., and one from the Navy have entered for the Modern Pentathlon Championship which begins at Aldershot next Tuesday. The events are riding, running, swimming, shooting, and fencing. After the meeting a team of three will be chosen to represent Britain in the World Championships at Berne later this month.

A NEW face will be seen on our squash courts this season. David Hodgson, who was South African champion two years ago, is now in this country on business and hopes to play a great deal. David's father played squash for Cornwall, and David, who was born in that county, hopes to do the same.



They did well for Britain

Ron Henderson, Ken Wood, and Harry Kane were three of the British athletics team which met Russia at Moscow, and then flew to Prague for a two-day event against Czechoslovakia. Britain lost to Russia but beat Czechoslovakia.

IN 1908 Bill Deakin won the three-mile race in the Olympic Games at London's White City. Mr. Deakin, now 77, is still running. Every Sunday morning he can be seen lapping the track at Tooting Bec sports ground, running with much of the grace of 50 years ago.

ON Saturday England swimmers meet Scotland at Cheam, Surrey, in the first part of a special television international match. The second part will be staged at Aberdeen a week later.



A number of the 1955 National champions will be competing, including that phenomenal champion and record-breaker, 16-year-old Neil McKechnie from Wallasey.

ALTHOUGH she was beaten in the semi-final of the Girls' Open Golf Championship at Beaconsfield, Sheila Vaughan, a 13-year-old Liverpool schoolgirl, won glowing praise for her fighting spirit. In one round against an 18-year-old opponent, Sheila, the youngest player in the tournament, was six down with eight holes to play but won the match. The title was won by Miss A. Ward, who is also senior champion of Germany, Sweden, and Kent.

THIS Wednesday at Portsmouth England and Denmark meet in an "Under-23" Soccer international. The two countries will be in opposition again on Saturday, when a Youth international will be played at Plymouth and the full teams meet in Copenhagen.

ZOO NEWS

SALLY IS NOT YET WATERPROOF

THE parental responsibility being shown by king penguins George and Mary towards their new chick Sally is highly gratifying to the Zoo authorities, but it is having one drawback. Because of their devotion to Sally (the only king penguin chick to be bred in the Gardens this year), neither parent will go into the pond for a "wash-and-brush-up." As a result the parent penguins have been looking rather shabby lately.

Now, however, Headkeeper Hubert Jones has taken matters in hand. Every morning he visits the pair with a watering-can and hoses down both George and Mary, at the same time carefully avoiding giving young Sally a shower.

"The reason for that," says Mr. Jones, "is that young Sally is still wearing only her baby plumage, which is far from being waterproof."

In the meantime five other young birds in another part of the

New arrivals

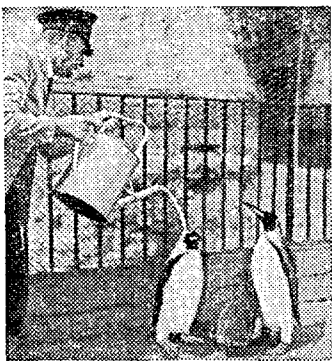


Three Giant Anteaters, newly arrived from British Guiana, make short work of their first meal at the London Zoo.

Gardens are getting a lot of attention. They are chicks which have recently emerged from a large communal nest built by some South African Quaker parakeets in one of the outdoor aviaries. So attractive are these baby parakeets that officials are receiving quite a number of offers from visitors to buy them as "pets." These offers, however, are being declined.

"With their bright green plumage and engaging ways, they are attractive birds; but as pets they would be most unsuitable," Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds, told me. "Although they are not very vocal at the moment, as maturity is reached they become so noisy that no one, I am sure, could tolerate them in the home."

The five youngsters which have just left the nest are not the whole of the season's "crop." Mr. Yealland tells me that there are several more babies inside the nest, and that most of these young birds are already destined to go to the Edinburgh Zoo, in exchange for some penguins received from there last year.



Shower bath for George and Mary while Sally looks on

One of the most amusing monkeys seen in the Gardens for some time arrived recently. It is a West African Guinea baboon. The animal, a female, has been sent as a gift from the Birmingham Medical School's department of Anatomy, where it had previously been used by students. And because it has been trained to sit still in a kind of pose, it now carries on the habit for the benefit of Zoo visitors, and seems quite disappointed if people merely pass by the cage without stopping to admire the occupier.

"It is a long time since we saw such an exhibition of vanity," one official told me. "The animal has something to be vain about, however. Physically, it is one of the most perfect specimens we have ever had, and we are delighted with it." CRAVEN HILL

THE SCHOOL BEYOND THE SNOWS

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Brian would have been still more interested if he could have overheard the conversation when the party returned to Mr. Birdwood's study. The prince said:

"Your elder son attends this school? You did not point him out to me."

"No, your Royal Highness. I am always very particular to treat my own boy exactly the same as the others."

"Quite right," said the prince, nodding. "All the same, I should have liked to see him. But there will be other chances."

Mr. Birdwood looked puzzled. "I don't see how—"

The prince laughed. "You are still wondering why I insisted on coming to your school?"

"Frankly, yes. There are better schools, in many ways—"

"So your Mr. Thurland told me! He was quite vexed. But it was not only your school I wanted to see—it was you."

"Me, your Royal Highness?"

The gaunt Englishman looked down at the prince, who, in spite of his size, had great natural dignity.

"I heard of you at Cambridge, Mr. Birdwood. You are spoken of as a very fine headmaster, who has done well under great difficulties. Now I have seen you, and your work, with my own eyes, I am convinced. You are the man I am looking for."

Stamp News

SOME interesting new pictorial sets issued recently include one on wild animals and another on national costumes by Czechoslovakia, one on transport by Hungary, and one on medicinal plants by Yugoslavia.

A TELEGRAPH pole is depicted on a new Portuguese stamp. It marks the centenary of the introduction of the electric telegraph in Portugal.

A RECENT Italian issue commemorated International Doctors' Day, the celebrations of which were held at Verona.

INDONESIA celebrates ten years of independence with a special issue of four showing the President reading the Proclamation.

A NEW United States stamp marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of John Marshall, one of the most famous of all American judges.

C N Prizewinners

Congratulations to Valerie Cossey, Shipden Avenue, Cromer, who has been awarded the prize Bicycle offered in C N Competition No. 35. Runners-up, who each receive a 5s. postal order, are Jane Aldred, Edinburgh; Ronald Forbes, Aberdeen; Derek Galer, London, N.3; S. Kridakara, Deal; Gillian Lazenby, Scarborough; Joyce Pool, Feltham; Claire Sabine, Chelmsford; Rona Souter, Leicester; Christine Wilkins, Guildford; and Martin Wyatt, Dover.

WORLD'S AIR SPEED RECORD

Although many supersonic flights have been made at high altitudes, until recently none had been submitted for official recognition as world air speed records.

This was because no dependable equipment was available by which the speed of the aircraft could be checked from the ground.

Of great interest, therefore, was the recent announcement that a Super Sabre had established the world's first official high-altitude speed record by flying at 822 m.p.h. at 35,000 feet.

The flight was recorded by ground radar-phototheodolite observations, and the results obtained were to the satisfaction of the U.S. National Aeronautics Association.

The record has now been submitted to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale for official recognition.

The adoption of new rules by

the F.A.I., grants recognition of high speed runs at high altitudes, which is, of course, the best operating height of jet aircraft.

Jets are designed to fly above 30,000 feet, but the previous rules recognised only those runs made at little more than 300 feet (100 metres). Conforming to these rules was not only extremely dangerous, but handicapped the machine from the outset and gave little indication of its true performance.

STILL GOING STRONG

Old steam engines are still doing good service in some places. At Tongue End Farm, near Spalding, an 1895 Foster steam engine provides the power for threshing peas.

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